

What is claimed is:

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1. A method ~~for increasing stress resistance to a plant which comprises introducing a raffinose synthase gene into the plant body.~~
 2. The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to claim 1 wherein the raffinose synthase gene is the following gene (a) or (b):
 - (a) a gene encoding a protein comprising an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1,
 - (b) a gene encoding a protein comprising an amino acid sequence differing from the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 by deletion, substitution or addition of at least one or more amino acids, and having raffinose synthetic activity.
 3. The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to claim 1 wherein raffinose content in the plant body is increased.
 4. The method for increasing stress resistance to a plant according to claim 1 wherein raffinose synthetic activity in the plant body is improved.
 5. A method for increasing stress resistance to a plant which comprises increasing raffinose content in the plant body.
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 6. A method ~~for increasing stress resistance to a plant which comprises improving raffinose synthetic activity in the plant body.~~
 7. A method for increasing stress resistance to a plant which comprises excessively expressing the following protein (c) or (d) in the plant body:
 - (c) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:

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- (d) a protein comprising an amino acid sequence differing from the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 by deletion, substitution or addition of at least one or more amino acids, and having raffinose synthetic activity.

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